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SUBJECT: COMMERCE MINISTER RETURNS FROM ROMANIA VISIT

1. LOCAL PRESS DECEMBER 23 ANNOUNCED THE RETURN TO MAPUTO OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER MARIO MACHUNGO FOLLOWING A VISIT OF A MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION HEADED BY HIM TO BUCHAREST FROM 17-21 DECEMBER. ALSO ON THE MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION WERE JOAO BAPTISTA COSME, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, MANUEL DOS SANTOS, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL COMMERCE, AND FERNANDO RESENDE, SMART KATAWALA, FERREIRA MENDES AND ANA FERNANDES OF THE MINISTRIES OF COMMERCE AND DEVELOPMENT.

2. MACHUNGO TOLD THE PRESS ON RETURN THAT THE ROMANIAN VISIT WAS A CONTINUATION OF CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT TO BROADEN BILATERAL COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE "COMMERCIAL AND TECHNICAL EXPERIENCES." MACHUNGO MENTIONED THAT THERE HAD BEEN DISCUSSIONS OF COOPERATION IN FIELDS OF HYDROCARBON DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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TECHNICAL-SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT. HE ADDED THAT IT WAS DECIDED THAT THERE SHOULD BE A THIRD MEETING TO "SYNTHESIZE THE RESULTS" OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (THE FIRST WAS HELD IN MAPUTO IN JUNE 1976). MACHUNGO ADDED THAT AN EXCHANGE OF CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES BETWEEN MACHEL AND CEAUSESCU TOOK PLACE DURING THE VISIT.

3. COMMENT: THE LACK OF ANY CONCRETE RESULTS FROM THE
TALKS IS A BIT SURPRISING, AND WE WONDER IF THE ROMANIANS
ARE NOT DRAGGING THEIR FEET ON COMMITTING FUNDS OR
PERSONNEL FOR ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN MOZAMBIQUE.
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